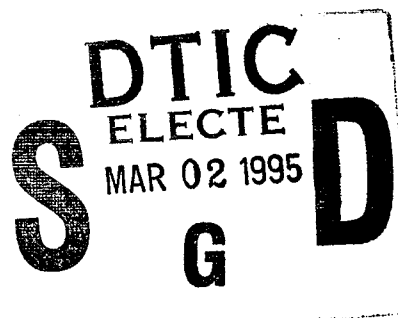


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TOOL FOR EARTH IMAGERY (RDAST)**

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## *Retrieval, Display, and Analysis Support Tool for Earth Imagery (RDAST)*



### **Program Overview**

**Contract number:** DLA 900-88-D0392 DO 052

**Program Objectives:** Develop tools to index, search and compile available imagery of the earth's surface for military and dual use purposes.

**Period of Performance:** 9/28/93 -8/27/93 (with extension)

**Milestones:**

Planning meeting:	19 Jan 1994
Interim briefing:	31 Mar 1994
Final briefing:	13 Sep 1994

## Obstacles to Efficient Use of Available Datasets

- Sheer numbers of satellites, sensors, and observations have hampered a systematic assessment of the utility of various combinations.
- Data and sensor fusion techniques have been insufficiently mature to extract useful information from disparate data sets.
- Fusion techniques require extensive knowledge of sensor parameters and ground truth.
- National security considerations limit access to certain data sets.
- Requirements on information content and data extraction methods differ greatly with user needs.

## RDAST Approach

- **Task 1: Image Identification and Compilation**

Identify sources of earth imagery from airborne and space-based sensors  
Develop indexing schemes that identify imagery available of earth scenes  
Compile "Metadata" each included sensor mode

- **Task 2: Image Evaluation**

Develop measures of image goodness, based on user requirements  
Characterize the quality of image sets using ground truth and other measures  
Develop a system for consistent annotation of selected images

- **Task 3. Coordination and Requirements Development**

Identify specific user groups to use as benchmarks in requirements development  
Assess group needs and derive requirements  
Review and assess features of existing data archiving and retrieval systems.

- **Task 4. Sensor Data Comparison**

Select two space-based or airborne sensors  
Display the extraction of information using data and sensor fusion techniques  
illustrate multiple phenomenology representations

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# **Retrieval, Display and Analysis Support Tool**

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## Presentation Overview

- Task Background & Overview
- RDAST Data Base Description
- RDAST Prototype System Demonstration

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## **Task Objectives:**

**Design and Implement Electronic Data Base for Storage, Retrieval and Display of Primary and Metadata for Airborne and Spaceborne Remote Sensing Systems.**

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## **Data Base Requirements**

- **Provide Local Data Management Capabilities including Storage, Query, Retrieval and Display of Remotely-Sensed Imagery**
- **Store/Query/Retrieve Sensor Metadata**
- **Link to External Archives/Catalog Systems**

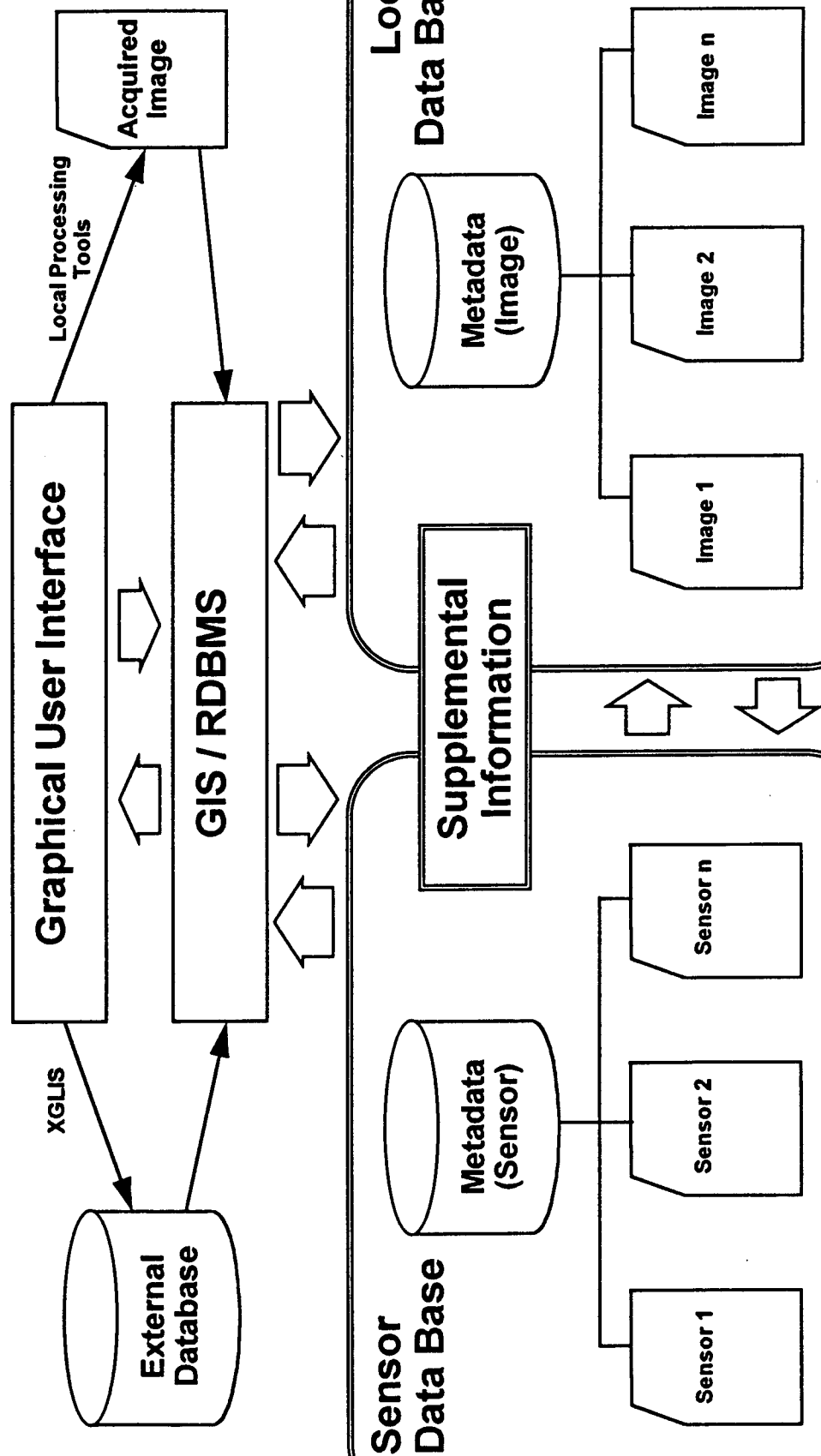
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## **Data Base Design**

- **GIS/RDBMS-Based**
- **Sensor Data Base**
  - **Metadata**
  - **Sample Data Sets**
  - **Supplementary Information**
- **Local Data Base**
  - **Metadata**
  - **Inventory (Images)**
- **External Archive Search Linkage**
  - **XGLIS (EDC)**



## Data Base Design



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## Data Base Description

- **Sensor Database Tables**
  - **SENSORBANDS:** Describes RDAST sensors/platform/band info
  - **BANDSTYPES:** Lists valid band types
  - **PLATFORMS:** Lists valid image platforms
  - **PLATFORMTYPES:** Lists platform types (e.g. SAT/ACFT)
  - **SENSORTYPES:** Lists valid sensor types
  - **SENSORS:** Lists RDAST sensors
  - **SENSORSAMPLES:** Lists sample image for each sensor
- **Image Database Tables**
  - **IMAGEDEFS:** Describes local and sample images
  - **IMAGEBANDS:** Lists bands processed for each local/sample image
  - **IMAGEDOCS:** Lists Hypertext documents related to lcl./smpl. imgs.
  - **IMAGEPROJPARAMS:** Lists projection params. for l/s imgs.
- **Support Database Tables**

# Data Base Description - IMAGEDEF Table

## 4.0 IMAGEDEF

This table is used to describe the local/sample images. Certain fields in this table are platform specific and may be left blank.

Database Table: IMAGEDEF

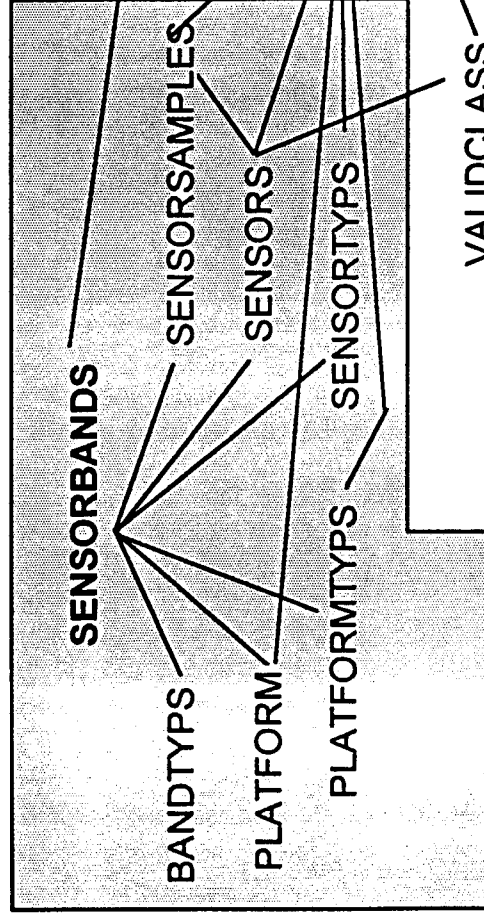
Table Field Name	Format	Use	Description	Validation	Cross-Reference Tables
IMAGEID	Char 30	Primary Key	The image identification name.	Uppercase. Not Null. Unique ID/ SHELF key.	IMAGEBANDS IMAGEDOCS IMAGEPROJ- PARAMS SENSORSAMPLES
IMAGESHELF	Char 11	Primary Key	The unique shelf location for the image (or image name).	Uppercase. Not Null. Unique ID/ SHELF key.	IMAGEBANDS IMAGEDOCS IMAGEPROJ PARAMS SENSORSAMPLES
IMAGEDATE	Date		The date of image acquisition. In the case of a mosaic image, choose a date that most fits the image.	Format DD/MM/YY.	
SEASON	Char 6		The season that this image was acquired. (automatically calculated from imagedate when the record is added or updated from liupdate).	Must be one of: SPRING SUM- MER, AUTUMN, WIN- TER	
TITLE	Char 50		A descriptive title for the image.		
SECURITY_CLASS	Char 1	Foreign Key	The security classification of the image. Must be a valid classification as defined in the validclass table.	Uppercase. Not Null.	VALIDCLASS

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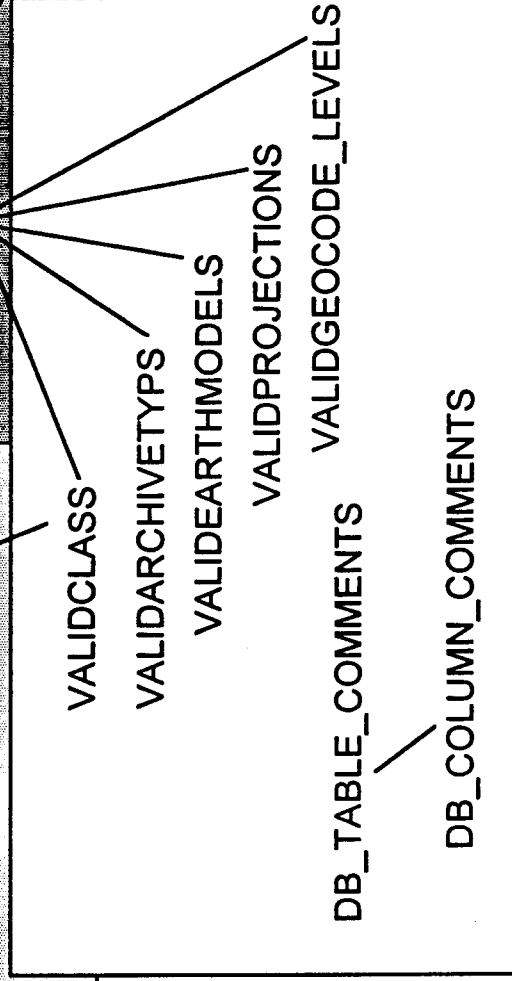
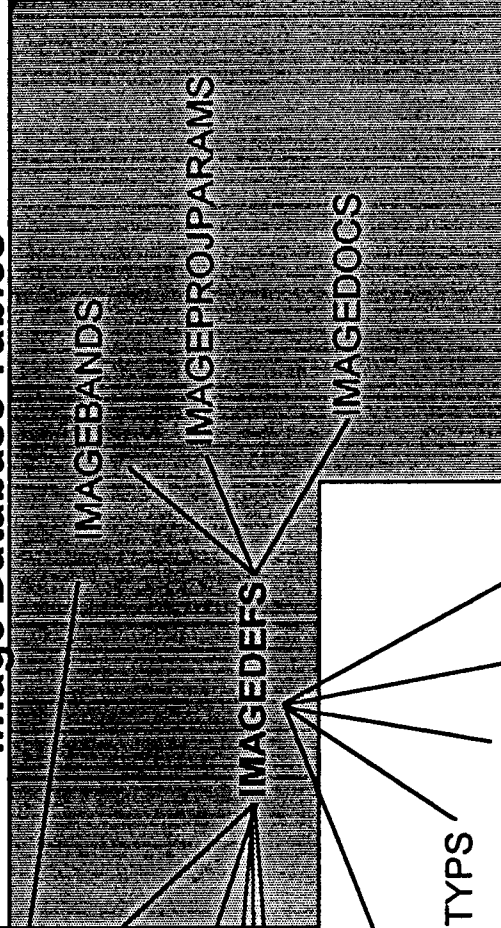
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PLATFORM	Char 10	Foreign Key	The platform from which the image originated.	Not Null. Must be a valid sensor from the PLATFORMS table.	PLATFORMS SENSORBANDS
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GEOCODE_LEVEL	Number 1	Foreign Key	The geocode/reference level of the image. Must be a valid level as defined in the validgeocode_levels table.	Must be validated against the VALIDGEOCOD E_LEVELS table.	VAKIDGEOCODE_LE VELS
CELLSIZE_X	Number 5		The cell size in the X direction (DX).		

# Data Base Entity Relationship

## Sensor Database Tables



## Image Database Tables



## Support Database Tables

## **Data Base Implementation**

- **ARC/INFO Geographic Information System (GIS)**
- **ARC Macro Language (AML) Graphical User Interface (GUI)**
- **ARC/INFO Data Structures**
  - **INFO Tables ..... Metadata**
  - **Raster ..... Images**
  - **Topological Vector ... Boundary/Reference**
- **Supplemental (Guide) Sensor Information**
  - **Frame View Hypertext**

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## **Operational Scenario (Sample)**

- **Situation Requiring Remotely Sensed Data Arises**
- **Query RDAST to Determine Necessary and Suitable Image Sources**
- **Local Data Base Searched for Availability of Imagery**
- **External Archive Searched for Availability of Imagery**
- **Data Acquired, Processed and Archived (Local DB)**



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## **Task 4: Sensor Data Comparison**

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**TASK OBJECTIVE:** To Demonstrate the Utility of Using Commercial Space-Based and Airborne Sensors to Exploit Image data Using Information Extraction and Sensor Fusion Techniques

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## Commercially Available Satellite Data

- SPOT (XS and Pan) ✓✓
- Landsat (MSS and TM) ✓✓
- AVHRR (LAC and GAC)
- JERS-1 (Optical and Microwave)
- ERS-1
- CZCS
- KFA (image or digital)

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## Other Sources of Image Data

- Airborne Multispectral Scanners (M7) ✓
- Airborne Imaging RADAR Sensors (IFSARE)
- Aerial Photography

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## Obtainable Ancillary Data

- Large Scale Topographic Maps
- Digital Elevation Models (for some parts of the World)
- Digital Chart of the World (DCW)
- Scanned Navigational Charts

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**By Combining Commercial Remote  
Sensing Images With Available  
Ancillary Data, Information Products  
May Be Generated**

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## **Examples of Satellite-Derived Information Products**

- Cartographically Accurate Image Maps
- Derived Images such as Categorized Images, Bathymetric Images, Enhanced Images
- Fused Image Products such as Perspective Views, Pan-Sharpended Multispectral Data, Change Images

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## **Information Products Generated During Task 4 Activities**

- Portions of the RDAST Data Base Were Populated With Examples of Commercially Available Data
- Examples of Landsat MSS, TM, SPOT and SPOT-Sharpened Image Data Were Generated For a Variety of Geographic Areas
- A Perspective View Flythrough Loop was Produced for the RDAST Data Base
- Examples of Other Image-Derived Products were Generated: Data Fusion Examples, Change Detection, Terrain Categorization, and Spot-Sharpened TM



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## **Digital Files Generated for RDAST Data Base**

- Ann Arbor Data (M7, TM, MSS, AVHRR)
- Chambéry Data (TM, MSS, DTED, Fly-Through)
- Baghdad Data (2 TM)
- St. Charles Flood (2 TM, Spectral Features)
- Washington, D.C. (SPOT, TM, Sharpened)

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## **Important Dates in Commercial Remote Sensing**

- July 1972 - October 1992, Landsat  
MSS Data Available
- July 1982 - Present, Landsat TM Data  
Available
- February 1986 - Present, Spot Data  
Available
- October 1979 - Present, AVHRR Data  
Available

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**Pixels per Millimeter at Various  
Scales and Spatial Resolution**

<u>Sensor</u>	<u>1:250,000</u>	<u>1:100,000</u>	<u>1:50,000</u>	<u>1:25,000</u>
AVHRR	0.25	0.1	0.05	0.025
MSS	5.0	2.0	1.0	0.5
TM	10.0	4.0	2.0	1.0
SPOT-XS (20m)	12.5	5.0	2.5	1.25
SPOT-Pan (10m)	25.0	10.0	5.0	2.5

# **Pixels per Square Kilometer for Various Satellite Sensors**

<u>Sensor</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Pixels/sq.km</u>	<u>Bands</u>	<u>Total Pixels/sq km</u>
AVHRR	1,100 m (nadir)	0.9	5	4.5
MSS	80 meters	226	4	904
TM	30 meters	1,231	7	8,617
SPOT-XS (20m)	20 meters	2,500	3	7,500
SPOT-Pan (10m)	10 meters	10,000	1	10,000

# The SPOT Satellite System

## (SPOT 1 - 3)

- SPOT Acronym: *Système Pour l'Observation de la Terre*
- Development of the SPOT System
  - launch facility in South America
  - CNES: *Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales* (like NASA in the U.S.)
  - Toulouse: SPOT Image Headquarters
- SICORP
  - U.S. Distributor of SPOT Data

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## The HRV (*Haut Resolution, Visible*) Sensor

- Pushbroom Design: No Moving Parts
- Spectral Resolution
  - panchromatic mode 0.51-0.73  $\mu\text{m}$
  - XS mode, 3 bands 0.50-0.89  $\mu\text{m}$
- Spatial Resolution
  - panchromatic mode 10 m
  - XS mode 20 m

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## SPOT Satellite Orbit

- Sun Synchronous
- Near Polar
- Overpass Time: 10:30 AM at Equator
- Off-Nadir Viewing
  - Advantages: Rapid Revisit (2.5 days on average), Stereo Coverage Possible
  - Disadvantages: More Complex Geometric Correction Algorithms

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## SPOT Scene Geometry

- Nominal SPOT Frame Size 60 x 60  
km
- Off-Nadir: up to 80 x 60 km
- Number of Pixels
  - panchromatic mode: 6,000 x 6,000
  - XS mode: 3,000 x 3,000 x 3  
bands



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## Memory Requirements

- SPOT Pan scene:  $6,000 \times 6,000 = 36$   
Mbytes per scene
- SPOT XS scene:  $3,000 \times 3,000 \times 3 =$   
27 Mbytes per scene
- One degree x One degree Area: 6 - 8  
SPOT scenes required

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## Satellite Locator Map

- GRS sheets: (*Grille de Reference SPOT*) map series @ 1:5,000,000 scale showing scene center locations
- K/J Coordinates
  - “K” coordinates along track of satellite
  - “J” coordinates analogous to lines of latitude (equator J>350)

## The Landsat Satellite System

- Landsat 1 Launched in July 1972
  - carried Return Beam Vidicon (RBV) and Multispectral Scanner (MSS)
  - Landsats 2 & 3 carried same two sensors
- Landsat 4 Launched in July 1982
  - carried Thematic Mapper (TM) and Multispectral Scanner (MSS)
  - Landsat 5, launched in March 1984, carried same two sensors

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## **The Multispectral Scanner**

- Spatial Resolution Approximately 80 meters
- Spectral Resolution: 4 Broad Spectral Bands  
from 0.5 - 1.1 $\mu$ m
- Radiometric Resolution: 6-bits/pixel/band

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## The Thematic Mapper

- Spatial Resolution 30 meters
- Spectral Resolution: 6 Spectral Bands from 0.45 - 2.35 $\mu$ m, plus one thermal band
- Radiometric Resolution: 8-bits/pixel/band

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## **Landsat Satellite Orbit**

- Sun Synchronous
- Near Polar
- Overpass Time: 9:30 AM at Equator
- Revisit Every 16 Days (18 days for Landsat 1-3)

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## **Landsat Scene Geometry**

- Landsat Scene 185 x 185 km
- Amount of Sidelap Varies with  
Latitude
- Number of Pixels
  - nominal size 5965 rows x 6967  
columns (41.56 Mbytes/band)

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## **Landsat Scene Storage Requirements**

- Landsat TM scene:  $5,965 \times 6,967 = 41.56$  Mbytes per band
- Full Frame:  $5,965 \times 6,967 \times 7 = 291$  Mbytes
- MSS data:  $2300 \times 3264 \times 4 = 30$  Mbytes
- One degree x One degree Area: 1 - 4 Landsat scenes required



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**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

- M7 Data for Willow Run Airport (geocoded)
- Landsat MSS Data From August 1990  
(geocoded)
- Landsat TM Data From May 1992 (geocoded)

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## Chambéry, France

- Landsat MSS Data From May 1976 (geocoded)
- Landsat TM Data From July 1984 (geocoded)
- Digital Elevation Model Generated from 3 Arc-Second DTED Data
- Animated Fly-Through Sequence Produced

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## Baghdad, Iraq

- Landsat TM Data From January 1990  
(geocoded using satellite ephemeris)
- Landsat TM Data From January 1991  
(geocoded using satellite ephemeris)

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**St. Charles, Missouri**

- Landsat TM Data From 15 July 1986,  
Geocoded, Pre-Flood Data
- Landsat TM Data From 18 July 1993,  
Geocoded, Flood Near Peak
- Various Derived Images (Flood  
Extent, Flooded Agricultural Land,  
etc.)

## Summary

- Commercial Satellite are Data Available For Most of the World at a Variety of Resolutions
- SPOT Data (10m spatial resolution) Useful at Scales as Large as 1:20,000
- Landsat TM Data (30m) Useful at Scales as Large as 1:50,000
- Commercial Data May Be Used To Derive a Variety of Information Products

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Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Partial Scene

False Color Composite

Bands 4 3 2 / R G B

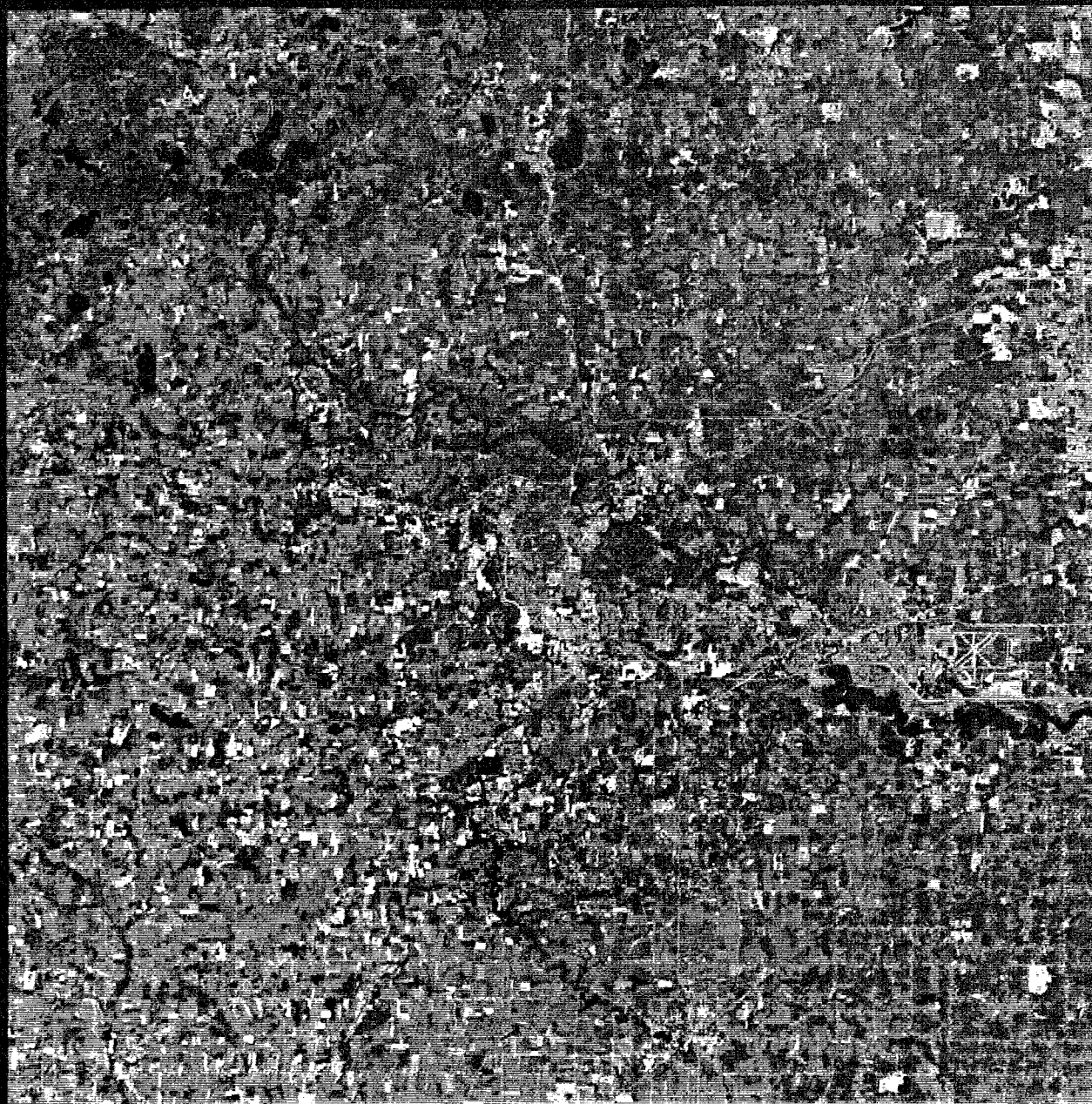
Path 20 Row 30

Scene Date: 16 May 1992

0 5 10 Kilometers



# Ann Arbor, Michigan



Landsat Multispectral Scanner (MSS) Data, Partial Scene

False Color Composite

Bands 4 2 1 / R G B

Path 20 Row 31

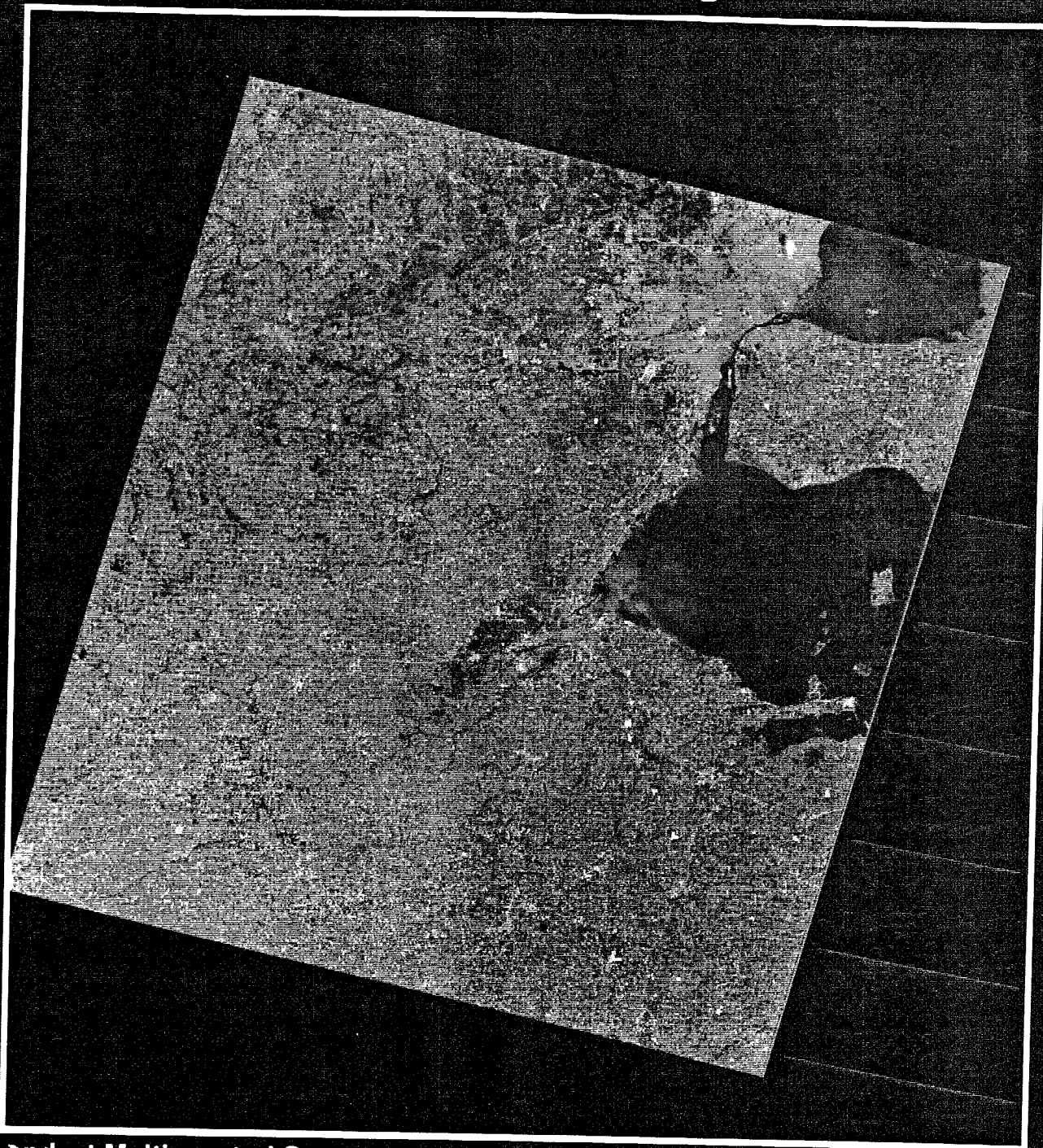
Scene Date: 31 August 1990

0 5 10 Kilometers





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Landsat Multispectral Scanner (MSS) Data, Full Scene

False Color Composite

Bands 4 2 1 / R G B

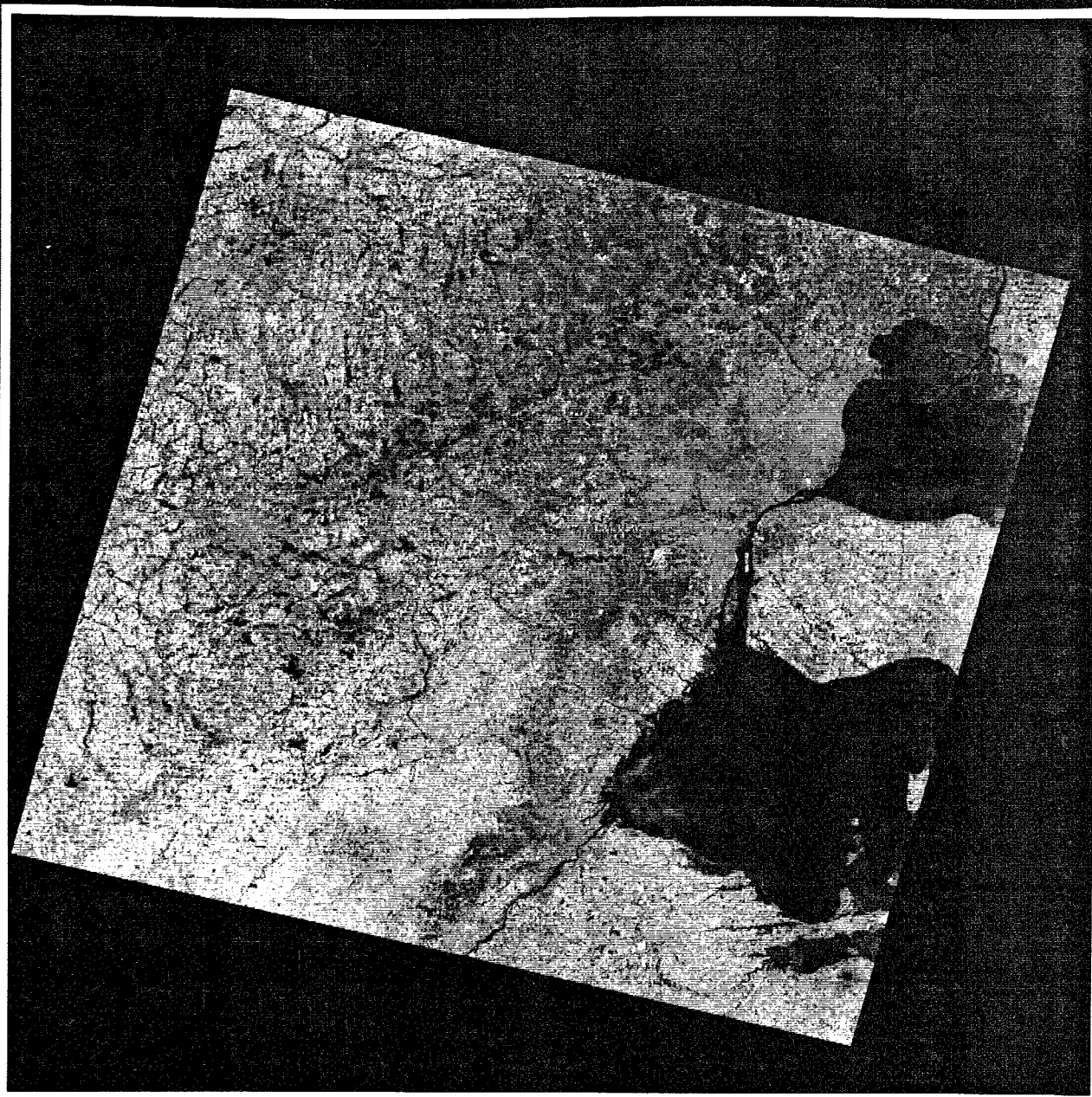
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Scene Date: 31 August 1990





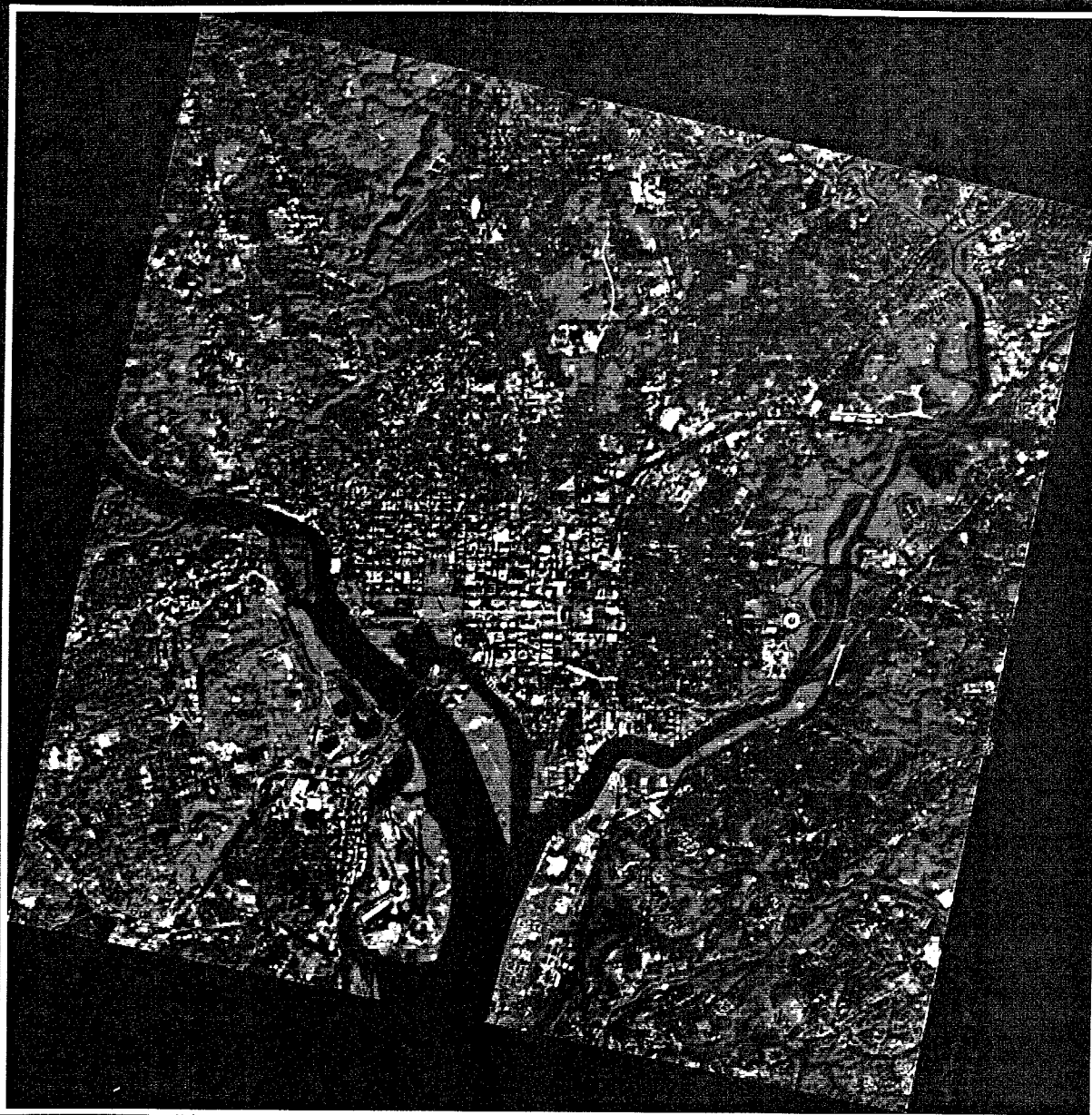
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Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Full Scene  
False Color Composite  
Bands 4 3 2 / R G B  
Path 20 Row 30  
Scene Date: 16 May 1992



# Washington, D.C.



**Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data**  
**False Color Composite**  
**Bands 4 3 2 / R G B**  
**Scene Date: 23 October 1993**  
**Resampled to 20 m cells, UTM Projection**

0 2 4 Kilometers



# Washington, D.C.



**SPOT Panchromatic Data**

**K 623 J 272**

**Scene Date: 28 September 1993**

**Resampled to 10 m cells, UTM Projection**

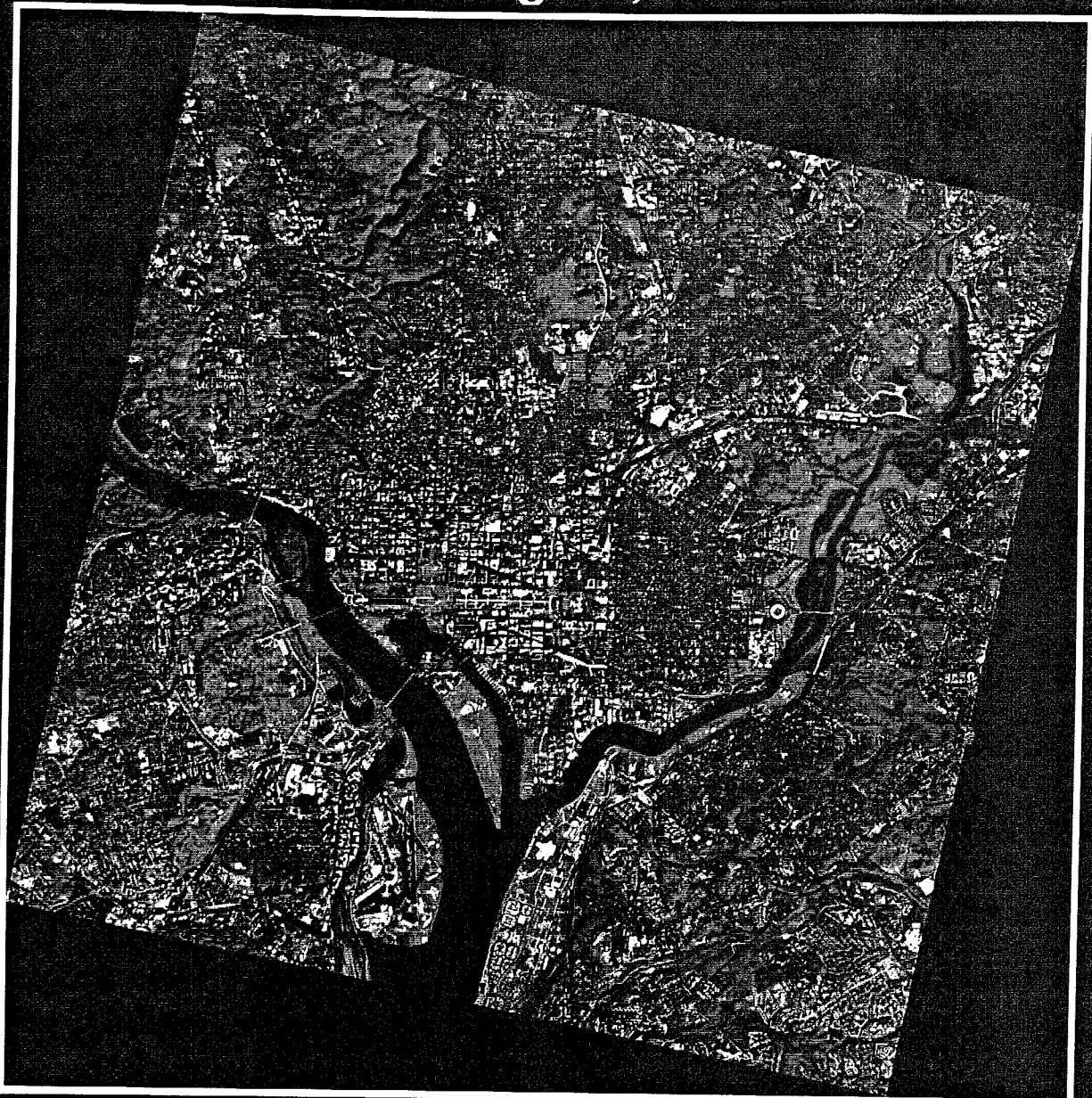
0 2 4 Kilometers

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# Washington, D.C.



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**SPOT-Sharpened TM Data**  
**SPOT Pan Data and TM Bands 432/RGB**  
**SPOT Scene Date: 28 September 1993**  
**TM Scene Date: 23 October 1993**  
**Resampled to 10 m cells, UTM Projection**  
**Sharpening Algorithm: SPARKLE**

0 2 4 Kilometers



# St. Charles, Missouri Flood Extent, 18 July 1993



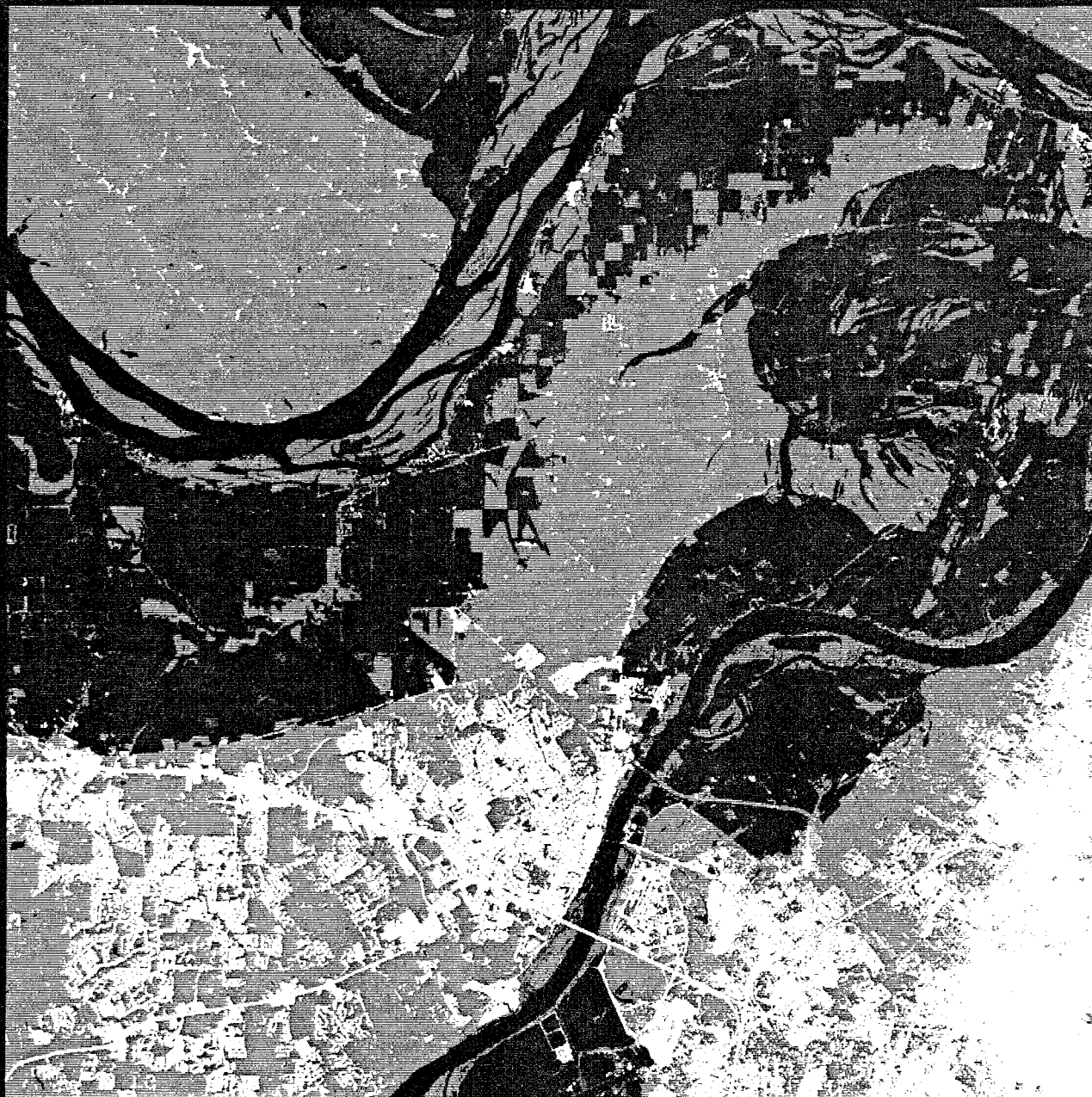
Flood Mask (Red) Overlayed on Natural Color Image

0 2 4 Kilometers

Scene Date: 18 July 1993



# St. Charles, Missouri Flooded Cultural Features



Water Feature 1986: Blue  
Water Feature 1993: Green  
Built-Up Land: Red

0 2 4 Kilometers

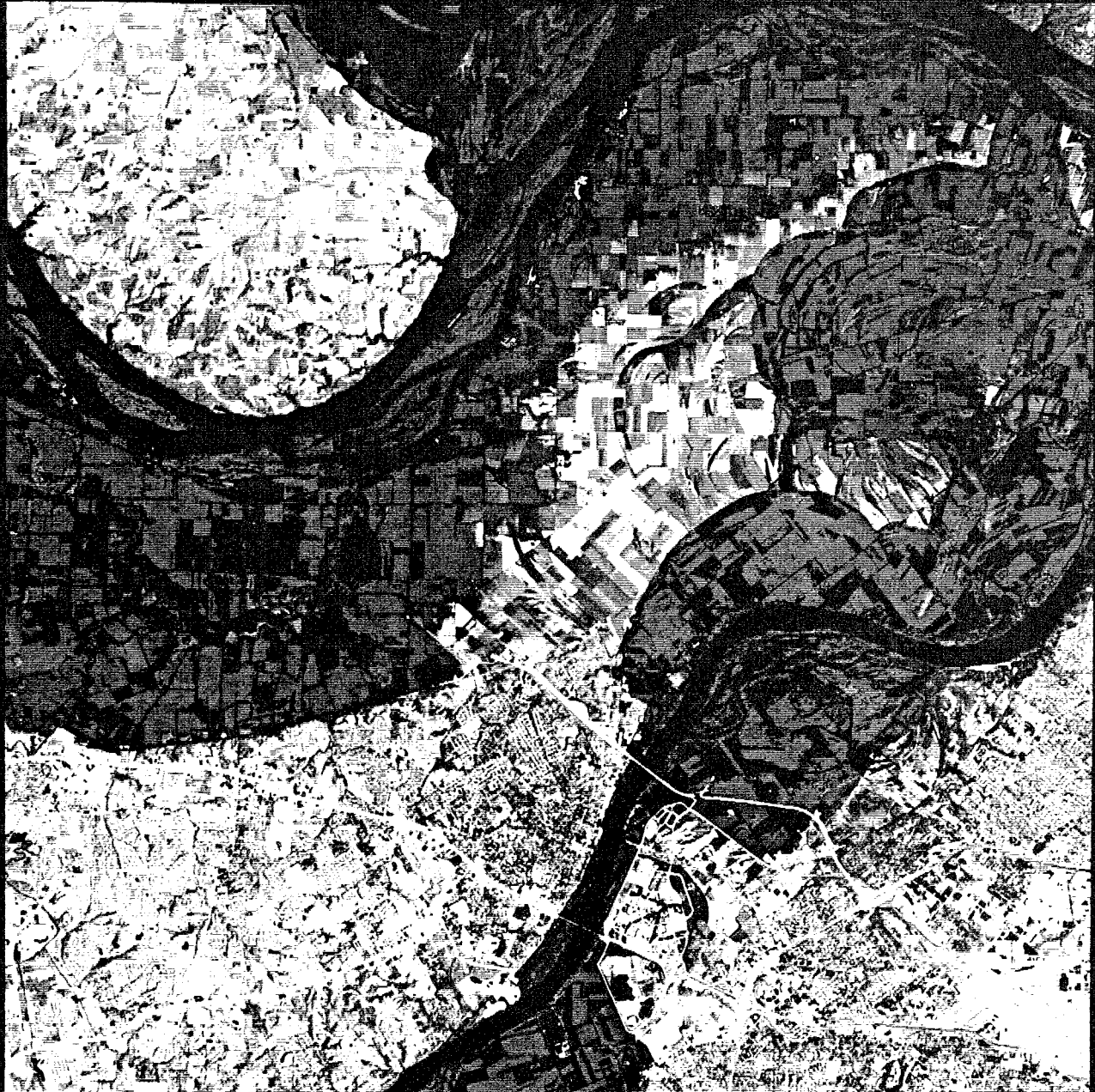
## Interpretation Key:

Dark Blue = Flooded Areas  
Magenta = Flooded Roads/ Parking Lots  
White = Flooded Buildings  
(if Surrounded by Blue)





# St. Charles, Missouri Flooded Agriculture



Flooded Agricultural Land (Green) Overlayed on  
Tasseled Cap Brightness Spectral Feature

0 2 4 Kilometers

Scene Date: 18 July 1993



## St. Charles, Missouri



15 July 1986  
Landsat TM Bands 321/RGB  
(Natural Color Composite)



Water Feature



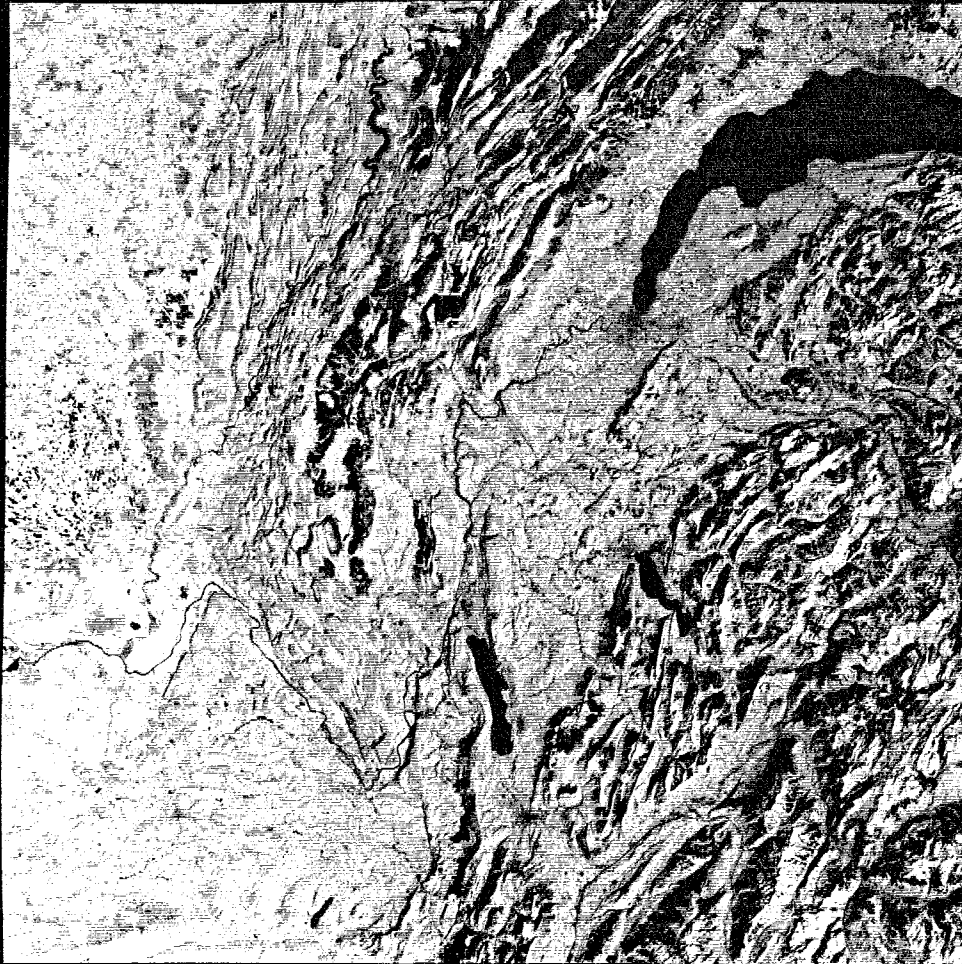
18 July 1993  
Landsat TM Bands 321/RGB  
(Natural Color Composite)



Water Feature



# Chambery, France



0 20 40 Kilometers

Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data  
False Color Composite  
Bands 7 4 2 / R G B  
Path 196 Row 28  
Scene Date: 30 July 1984  
Resampled to 25 m cells, Lambert Projection



# Chambery, France



Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Partial Scene

Natural Color Composite

Bands 3 2 1 / R G B

Path 196 Row 28

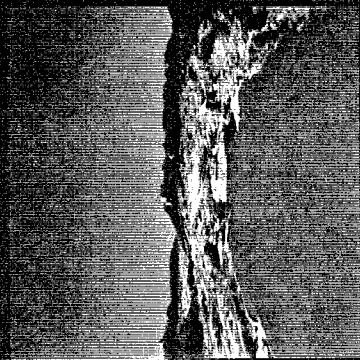
Scene Date: 30 July 1984

Resampled to 25 m cells, Lambert Projection

0 10 20 Kilometers



# Perspective View Fly - Through



Frame 47



Frame 60



Frame 117



Frame 130



Landsat TM  
Natural Color  
Scene Date: 30 July 1984  
Path/ Row: 196-28

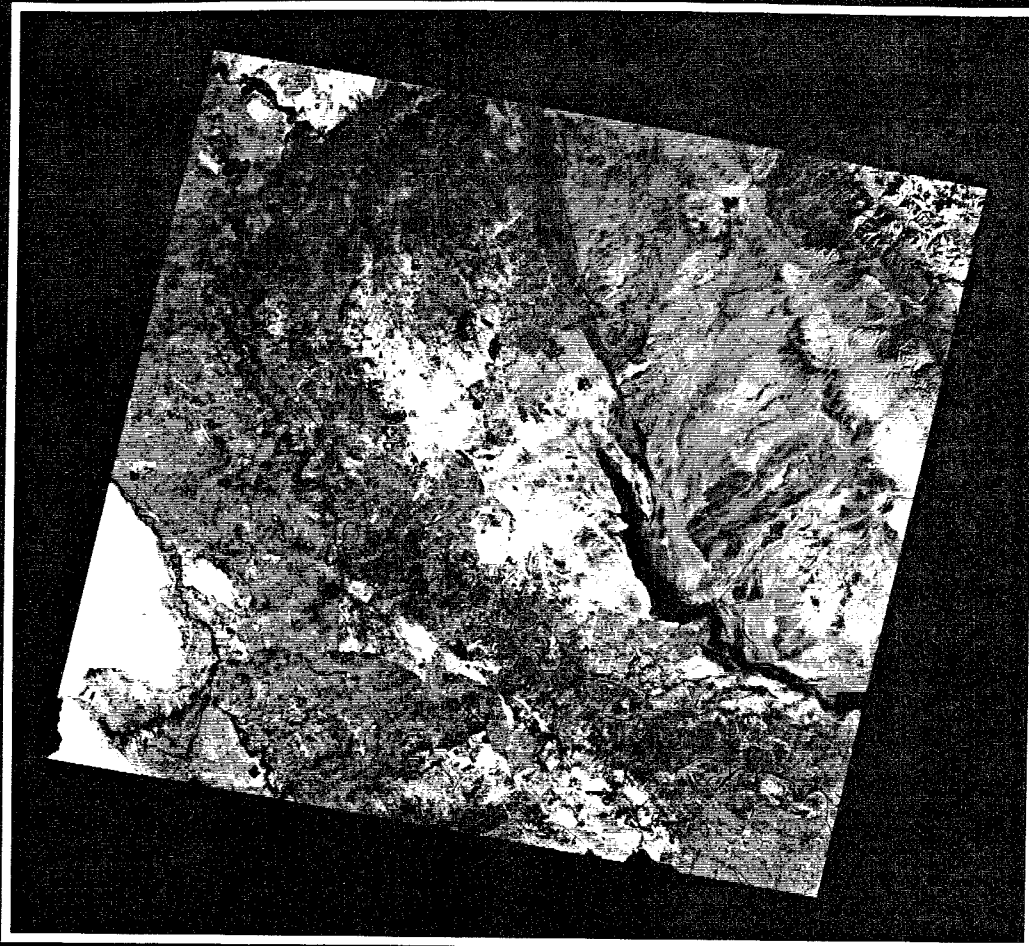


3 Arc - Second DTED





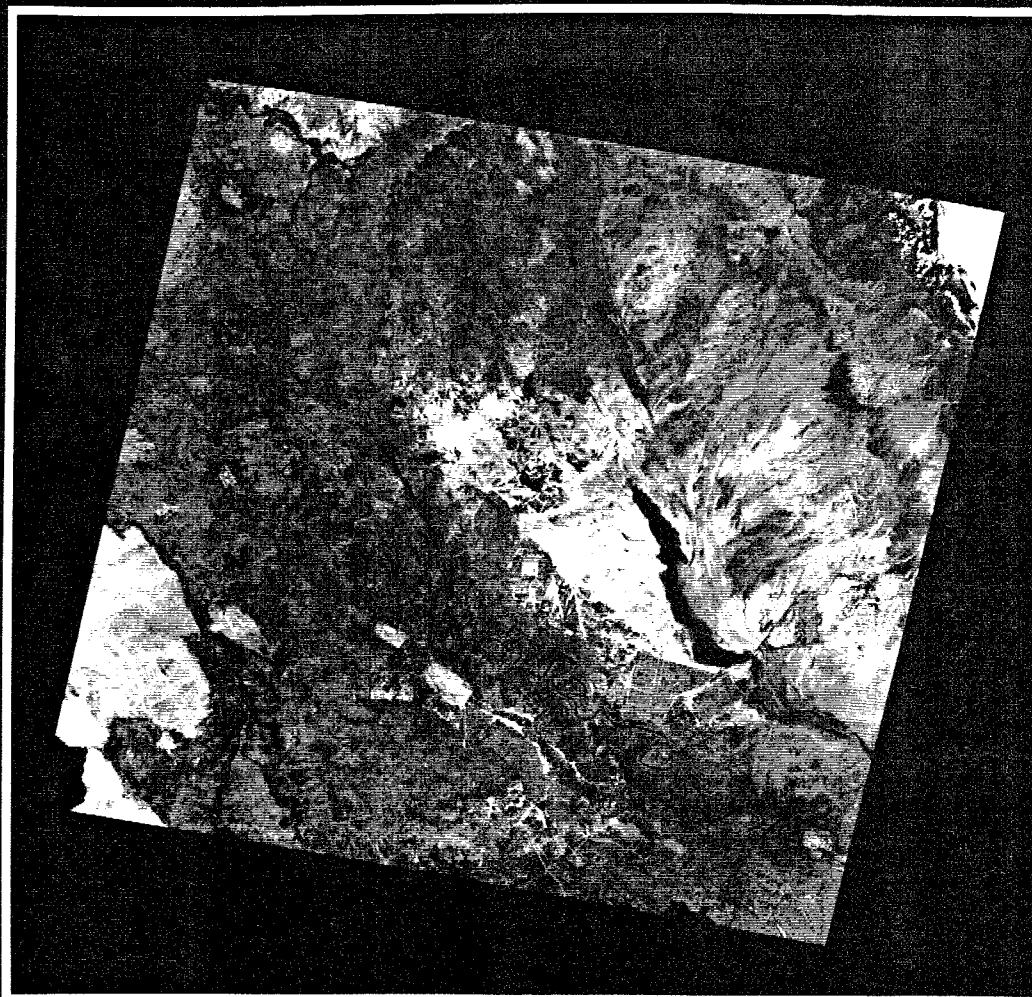
## Baghdad, Iraq



Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Full Scene  
False Color Composite  
Bands 7 4 2 / R G B  
Path 168 Row 37  
Scene Date: 8 January 1990  
Resampled to 25 m cells, UTM Projection

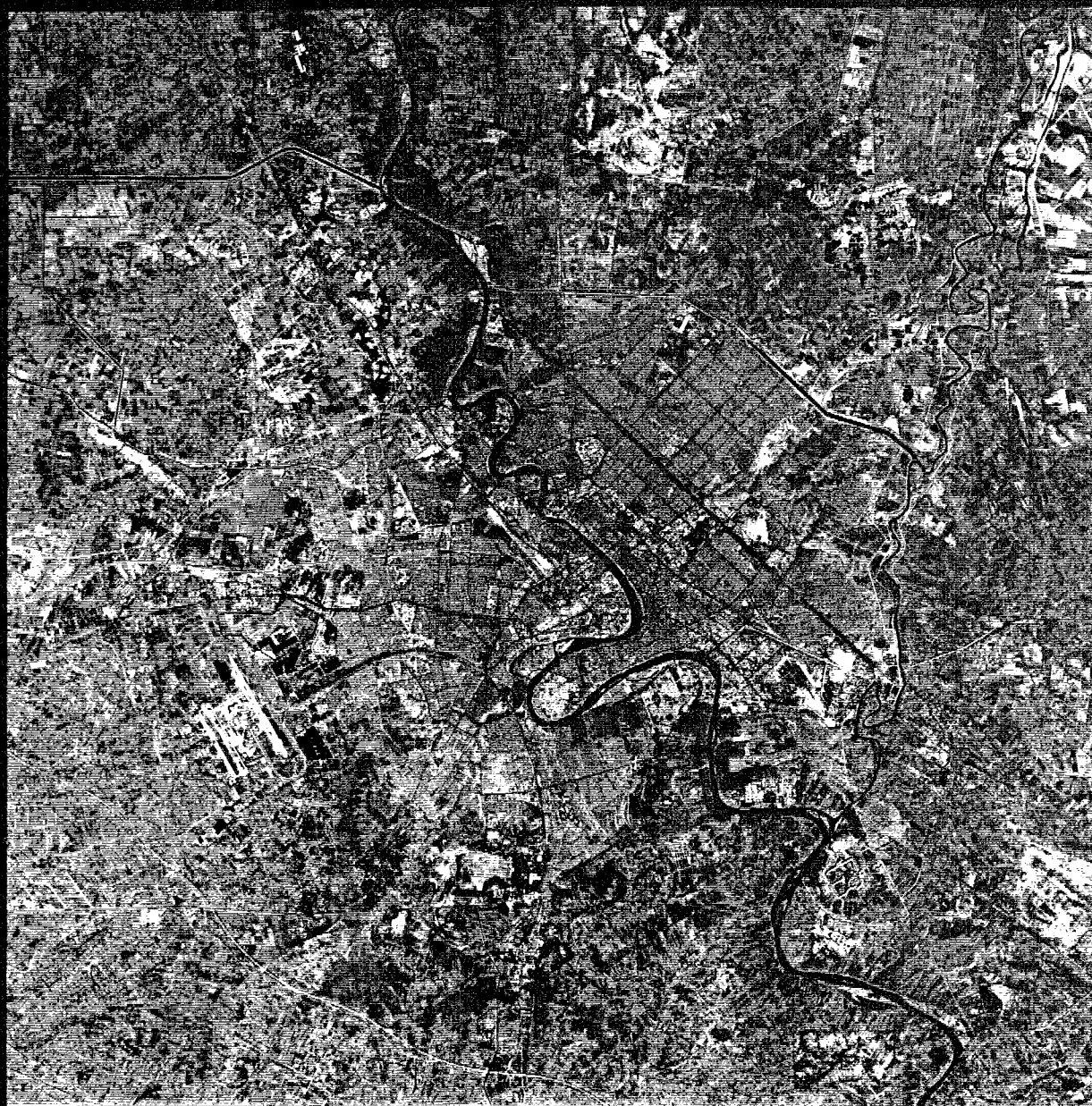


## Baghdad, Iraq



**Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Full Scene**  
**False Color Composite**  
**Bands 7 4 2 / R G B**  
**Path 168 Row 37**  
**Scene Date: 27 January 1991**  
**Resampled to 25 m cells, UTM Projection**

## Baghdad and Environs



Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Partial Scene

False Color Composite

Bands 7 4 2 / R G B

Path 168 Row 37

Scene Date: 8 January 1990

Resampled to 25 m cells, UTM Projection

0 5 10 Kilometers





## Baghdad and Environs

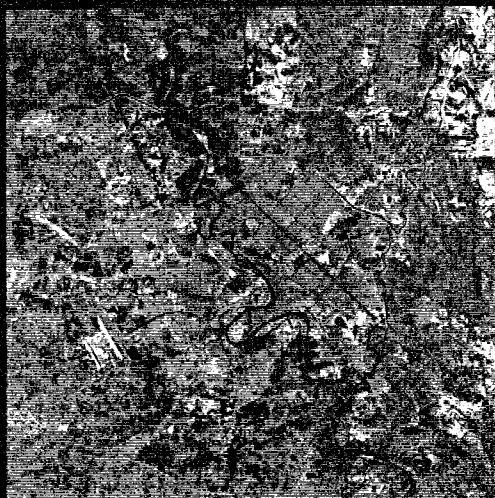


Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) Data, Partial Scene  
False Color Composite  
Bands 7 4 2 / R G B  
Path 168 Row 37  
Scene Date: 27 January 1991  
Resampled to 25 m cells, UTM Projection

0 5 10 Kilometers



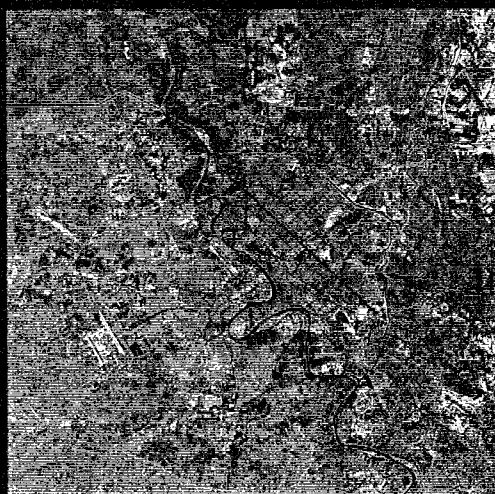
# Spatial Filters Baghdad, Iraq



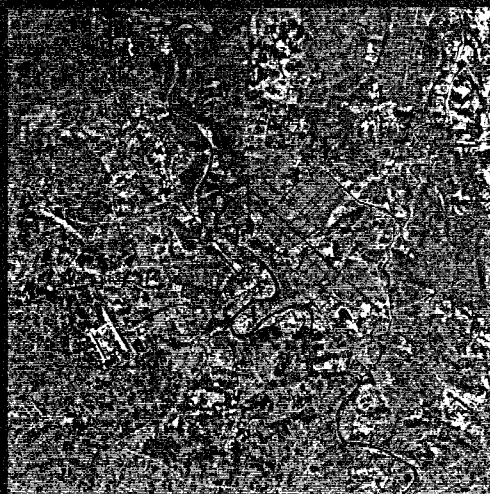
Raw Data TM 742/RGB



Laplacian



11 x 11 Boxcar



51 x 51 Boxcar

Landsat TM Data  
Scene Date: 8 Jan 1990  
Path 168 Row 37

